



13 December 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT: Approval System for BOW TIE  
Missions (Taiwan Strait)

1. [REDACTED] of the JRC called this morning to request that the Director be alerted to the fact that at the Special Group on Thursday, 13 December, the JRC would be requesting approval for CINCPAC to execute a specified number of BOW TIE missions over the Taiwan Strait area without referral in each case to the JCS or Special Group.

2. In answer to my question, [REDACTED] stated that these missions would be flown against CINCPAC theater requirements. I told him that I would advise COMOR on 13 December of the intended JRC action, looking toward a COMOR determination of the Community's requirements for this area inasmuch as the Taiwan Strait situation is of ZI as well as CINCPAC concern. I also believe for the most part our requirements will be mutually compatible.

3. For your information, in the last 3 months there were 2 BOW TIE missions in August, 1 in October, none in November and 1 in December.

4. If the Special Group is willing to grant a specific number of missions for the coming months (I believe 7 is the number JRC will request) I recommend a method for including

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ZI or COMINT targets. Specifically, as information from other sources convinces COMINT that certain targets need BOW TIE coverage, COMINT will forward these to JRC. If JRC judges these are compatible with CINCPAC objectives or will not interfere with its progress, these can then be forwarded for action without reference to the Special Group. COMINT targets rejected by JRC would of course have to be forwarded to you for Special Group approval.

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